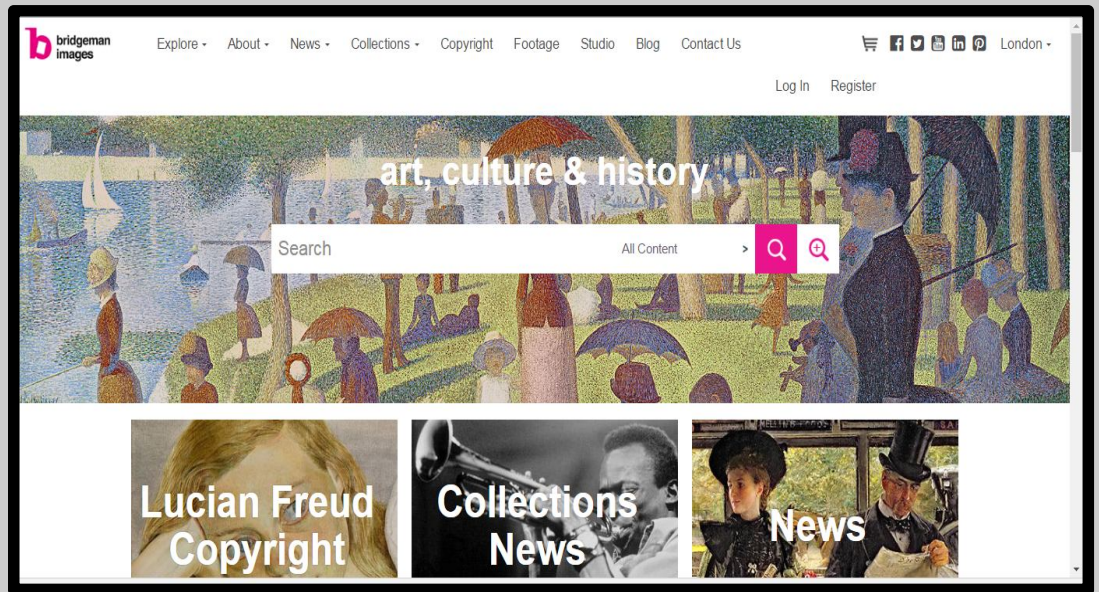


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URL

<http://www.bridgemanimages.com/en-GB/>

Subject

Bridgeman images – Photograph collections  
Images – Art Collections

Accessibility

Free

Language

English

Publisher

Bridgeman Art Library

Brief History

Founded in 1972 by Harriet Bridgeman, the Bridgeman Art Library cooperates with many art galleries and museums to gather images and footage for licensing.

By the early 90s, work has begun on a digital database of every image in the collection. 1996 sees Bridgeman specialists team up with scientists to develop ways

of making images more accessible. Bridgeman's first fully searchable website launches in April 1999 and is now regarded as one of the web's most significant cultural resources, providing content for the Grove Macmillan Dictionary of Art Online and ArtWeb, an online gateway to museum collections built in collaboration with Réunion des Musées Nationaux.

### Scope and Coverage

The Bridgeman Art Library, based in London, Paris, New York, and Berlin, provides one of the largest archives for reproductions of works of art in the world. For over forty years Bridgeman Images has been working with museums from around the world. From large museums to galleries, historical societies to universities, many of the treasures in these collections had never been made readily accessible to a wider audience until they were photographed specifically for Bridgeman to make available for reproduction.

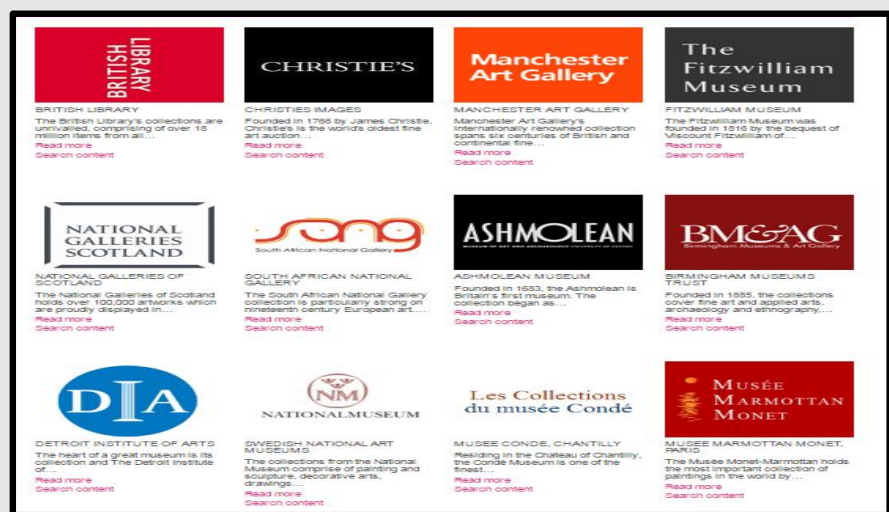
### Kind of Information

The Bridgeman Art Library is a company that represents museums, art collections and artists throughout the world by providing a central source of fine art and photography for image users.

The company's aim is to make these images accessible for users on a commercial basis; each one has been catalogued with full picture data and key-worded to simplify the search process. A full research service is also provided whereby expert researchers can select images to the customer's requirements.

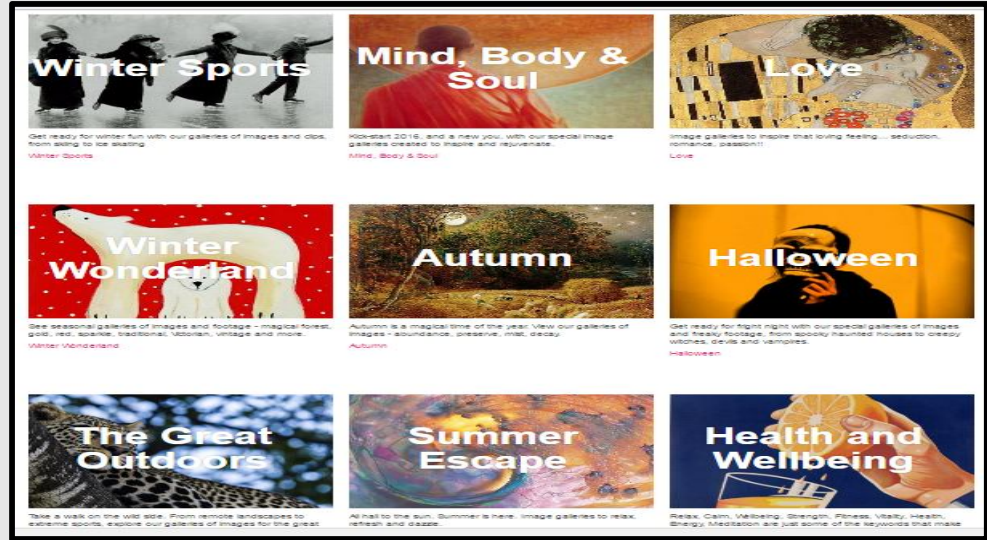
Bridgeman Images works with museums, galleries, collections and artists to provide a central resource of fine art and archive footage for reproduction to creative professionals. Every subject, concept, style and medium is represented, from the masterpieces of national museums to the hidden treasures of private collections.

The Bridgeman Art Library provides links to the world's best art museums and art galleries. Users can access images from these art museums.



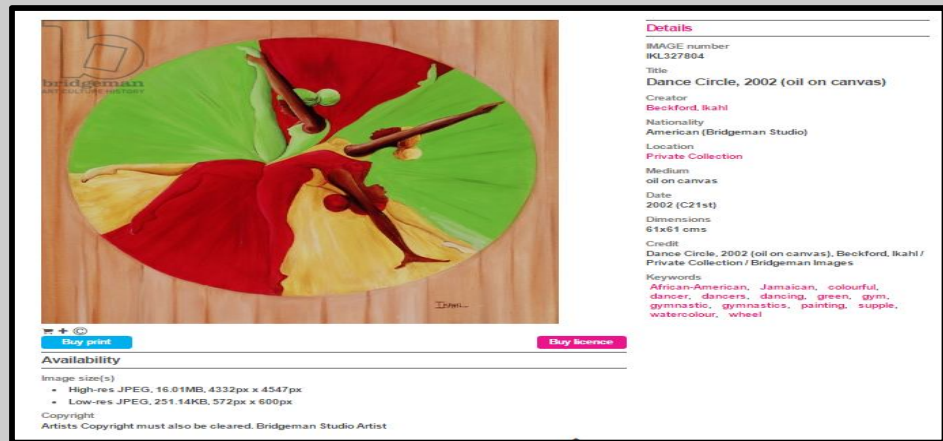
It also provides categories of some conceptual images. Inspirational selections of conceptual imagery and visual design trends from the spectrum of art history and beyond to help users find the perfect image.

Some of these concepts are highlighted as for example,

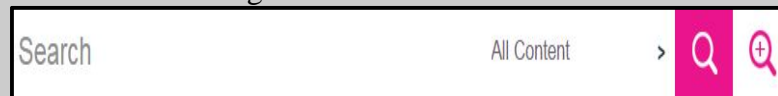


### Special Features

- ❖ Full bibliographic information provided with every images. Users can download these images easily by right click on the images and then by save image as..



- ❖ It provides simple search facilities. Users need to enter any keywords into the main search box to find images.



- ❖ To narrow down the search, use the following options:

**AND:** Searches for both terms associated with an image. E.g. vase AND flowers will search for vases with flowers

**OR:** Searches for either of the terms. E.g. vase OR flowers will search for both vases or flowers

**NOT:** Excludes terms from a search. E.g. vase NOT flowers will search for vases that do not have flowers

**Arrangement Pattern** All the images are categorically arranged and these categories are arranged alphabetically.

As for example, All the available categories are -



**Remarks** Bridgeman Images are used in hundreds of different ways. From book covers to advertising campaigns, interior design to editorial content as well as websites, mobile apps and more.

Their website allows users to explore the collection in depth with quick and advanced search facilities. They also provide a full research service whereby their researchers can select images and clips to suit users requirements.

- Comparable Tools**
- Frick Art Reference Library Photoarchive (<http://www.frick.org/research/photoarchive>)
  - ArenaPAL Performing Arts Images (<http://www.arenapal.com/cms/>)

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